

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application.

Listing of claims:

1 - 71. (cancelled)

72. (currently amended) An apparatus for recording a performance at a venue and distributing copies of the recording at the venue to attendees, including:

an input processor configured for coupling to a front of house console to receive an original audio signal representing an audio component of the performance, the input processor being further configured to output~~outputting~~ a processed audio signal; ~~and~~ a computing device coupled to the input processor, wherein the computing device has having a first hard drive, the computing device being configured to store the processed audio signal in a raw event file on the first hard drive as the performance is occurring, the computing device being further configured to create segment files on the first hard drive as the raw event file is being created, each segment file including a song performed during the performance; and a backup recorder coupled to the input processor, the backup recorder including a second hard drive for storing a copy of the processed audio signal.

73. (cancelled)

74. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 72~~claim 74~~, wherein the input processor includes a mixer configured to mix a plurality of channels included in the original audio signal.

75. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 72~~claim 74~~, wherein the input processor includes an A/D converter configured to convert the original audio signal from an analog form to a digital form.

76. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 72~~claim 74~~, wherein the input processor includes an equalizer configured to adjust levels of components of the original audio signal.

77. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 72~~claim 74~~, wherein the computing device is configured to receive a break input indicating a transition between one song of the performance and another song of the performance, and wherein the computing device is further configured to create the creating a segment file in response to receipt of the break input.

78. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 77~~claim 76~~, wherein the break input is provided by an operator of the computing device.

79. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 77~~claim 76~~, wherein the break input is provided by audio sensing equipment configured to detect a transition between the one song and the other song.

80. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 72~~claim 74~~, wherein the computing device includes editing software to enable editing of content of segment files.

81. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 71, further including An apparatus for recording a performance at a venue and distributing copies of the recording at the venue to attendees, including:
an input processor configured for coupling to a front of house console to receive an original audio signal representing an audio component of the performance, the input processor being further configured to output a processed audio signal;

a computing device coupled to the input processor, wherein the computing device has a first hard drive, the computing device being configured to store the processed audio signal in a raw event file on the first hard drive as the performance is occurring, the computing device being further configured to create segment files on the first hard drive as the raw event file is being created, each segment file including a song performed during the performance; and

a master recorder coupled to the computing device, the master recorder including a master recorder hard drive for storing the segment files created by the computing device.

82. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 81~~claim 80~~, wherein the master recorder further includes a media receptacle for receiving a master media, the master recorder being configured to copy the segment files stored on the master recorder hard drive onto the master media.

83. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 82~~claim 84~~, wherein the master media is a compact disc.

84. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 81~~claim 80~~, wherein the master recorder further includes a plurality of media receptacles for receiving a plurality of master media, the master recorder being configured to simultaneously copy the segment files stored on the master recorder hard drive onto the plurality of master media.

85. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 82~~claim 84~~, further including a duplicator configured to copy the segment files stored on the master recorder hard drive onto a plurality of final media.

86. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 84~~claim 83~~, further including a plurality of duplicators each having a master media receptacle for receiving one of the plurality of master media, and a plurality of additional media receptacles for receiving a

plurality of final media, each duplicator being configured to simultaneously copy the one master media onto the plurality of final media.

87. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 84~~claim 83~~, further including a plurality of duplicators each having a plurality of media receptacles for receiving a plurality of final media, the plurality of duplicators being configured to simultaneously copy one of the plurality of master media onto the plurality of final media.

88. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 85~~claim 84~~, wherein the duplicator is mounted within a vehicle.

89. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 71, An apparatus for recording a performance at a venue and distributing copies of the recording at the venue to attendees, including:

an input processor configured for coupling to a front of house console to receive an original audio signal representing an audio component of the performance, the input processor being further configured to output a processed audio signal; and
a computing device coupled to the input processor, wherein the computing device has a first hard drive, the computing device being configured to store the processed audio signal in a raw event file on the first hard drive as the performance is occurring, the computing device being further configured to create segment files on the first hard drive as the raw event file is being created, each segment file including a song performed during the performance,

wherein the computing device is coupled to the input processor via a network, and
wherein the computing device is configured to format the segment files thereby creating formatted segment files for downloading via the network.

90 - 92. (cancelled)

93. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 89~~claim 88~~, wherein the computing device includes a server that operates a website on the network.

94. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 89~~claim 94~~, wherein the computing device is configured to format each segment file in MP3 format for downloading by a personal computing device operated by an attendee at the venue.
95. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 89~~claim 88~~, wherein the computing device is configured to process payments in exchange for information with which an attendee may download a copy of the recording while attending the performance.
96. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 95~~claim 94~~, wherein the information includes an account number and password.
97. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 89~~claim 94~~, wherein the formatted segment files are encrypted to inhibit unauthorized downloading of the formatted segment files.
98. (currently amended) An apparatus for creating recorded copies of a performance at a venue for distribution at the venue when the performance is over, including:
an input processor configured to receive an original audio signal from a front of house console, the input processor being further configured to output~~outputting a~~ processed audio signal;
a master recorder directly coupled to the input processor, the master recorder being configured to copy the processed audio signal onto a master CD; and
a duplicator configured to simultaneously copy the master CD onto a plurality of final CDs for distribution.
99. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 98~~claim 97~~, wherein the master recorder is configured to receive break inputs that define transitions between songs included in the performance.

| 100. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 98~~claim 97~~, wherein the master recorder includes a storage device for storing segments of the processed audio signal in segment files which are copied onto the master CD.